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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An apparatus comprising:
a housing comprising a front panel, a rear panel, a bottom panel, and two side panels, the housing being sized to receive an animal; and
a ~~fluid container~~ drip bag support coupled to the housing; and
a syringe cradle coupled to at least one of the housing and the ~~fluid container~~ drip bag support.

Claim 2 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
a first top panel hingedly coupled to the housing; and
a second top panel hingedly coupled to the housing,
wherein the housing defines a top opening and the first and second top panels are selectively positionable to cover at least a portion of the opening.

Claim 3 (Original): The apparatus of claim 2, further comprising a clasp, the clasp configured to secure a top panel in a closed position.

Claims 4-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein front panel defines a window, the apparatus further comprising a grate covering the window.

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Claim 7 (Currently Amended): An apparatus comprising:
a housing sized to receive an animal and to confine the animal during therapeutic treatment,
wherein the housing defines a top opening;
a first top panel hingedly coupled to the housing; and
a second top panel hingedly coupled to the housing, the first and second top panels being
selectively positionable to cover at least a portion of the top opening;
wherein the top opening is at least in part uncovered when the first and second top panels
~~when are~~ in a closed position ~~cover less than one hundred percent of the top opening.~~

Claim 8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Original): The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising a fluid container support
coupled to the housing.

Claim 10 (Original): The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising a syringe cradle coupled to the
housing.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): An apparatus comprising:
a housing sized to receive an animal and to confine the animal during therapeutic treatment;
and
a ~~fluid container~~ drip bag support coupled to the housing; and
a syringe cradle coupled to at least one of the housing and the ~~fluid container~~ drip bag
support.

Claims 12-13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Original): The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a top panel hingedly coupled
to the housing.

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Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The apparatus of claim ~~11~~ 14, wherein the housing defines a top opening and wherein the top panel is a first top panel, the apparatus further comprising:
a second top panel, the first and second top panels configured to assume a closed position ~~in which a portion of the top opening is covered, and further configured to cover less than one hundred percent of the top opening~~ and wherein the top opening is at least in part uncovered when the first and second top panels are in a closed position.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a post coupled to the housing, the post supporting the syringe cradle.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the ~~fluid container~~ drip bag support is crook-shaped.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a post coupled to the housing, the post supporting the syringe cradle.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the ~~fluid container~~ drip bag support is crook-shaped.

Claim 20 (New): The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a support apparatus coupled to the housing, the support apparatus configured to stabilize the housing when a drip bag is supported by the drip bag support.

Claim 21 (New): The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the support apparatus includes at least one extendable brace.

Claim 22 (New): The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the uncovered part of the top opening is sized to permit a handler to touch the animal.

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Claim 23 (New): The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a support apparatus coupled to the housing to stabilize the housing when a drip bag is supported by the drip bag support.